



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

<b>Date of decision:</b>	Sunday 29 July 2024
<b>Decision-maker:</b>	Acting Chief Steward Dean Degan and Steward Paul Marks
<b>Track:</b>	Broken Hill
<b>Date:</b>	2 June 2024
<b>Rule no.:</b>	141(1)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mrs. Kerry Prowse presented the greyhound 'Time Spent' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 5 at the Broken Hill meeting on 2 June 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Arsenic at or in excess of the threshold of 800 nanograms per millilitre.
<b>Plea:</b>	Guilty
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	\$1000 fine and an 8-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months pending no further breaches under this or any like rule.

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 1 July 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Time Spent' at the Broken Hill meeting on 2 June 2024.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Arsenic at or in excess of the threshold of 800 nanograms per millilitre.

**DECISION:**

1. Mrs Prowse is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of 'Time Spent' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 5 of the Broken Hill meeting on 2 June 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Arsenic at or in excess of the threshold of 800 nanograms per millilitre.
3. Arsenic at or in excess of the threshold of 800 nanograms per millilitre is a prohibited substance under Rule 140(g) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 25 July 2024 Mrs Prowse was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 25 July 2024 the decision makers charged Mrs Prowse with an offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

**Rule 141(1), Rules**

(1) The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound:

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

...

must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

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(3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to subrule (1) of this rule shall be guilty of an offence.

6. The Notice proposed a penalty of a four-month suspension and invited Mrs Prowse to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.

7. At the hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams on Sunday 28 July 2024, Mrs Prowse:

(a) entered a plea of guilty; and

(b) made verbal submissions

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mrs Prowse’s plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mrs Prowse:

- To issue a \$1000 fine and a 8-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months pending no further breaches under this or any like rule.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:

- Mrs Prowse’s guilty plea (25% reduction);
- Mrs Prowse’s twenty year trainer registration history with unblemished record
- Mrs Prowse’s co-operation and forthright evidence;
- GWIC penalty guidelines.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 5 at the Broken Hill meeting on 2 June 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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